

Harvey City Council

# Mayors for a day

By Shelley Chin

Third graders Archer Lemer and Jonathan Walsh from Mrs. Taylor Doubek's class at B. M. Hanson Elementary were honored as "Mayors for the Day" at the April 9 Harvey City Council meeting. The students spent the day touring city services with Mayor Dean Klier, including visits to the water plant and emergency service stations. To earn the title, students submitted essays outlining what they would do as mayor.

Jonathan Walsh proposed building an emergency shelter, providing school supplies for families in need, and planting more trees for better oxygen and shade.

Archer Lemer advocated for a new elementary school, a planetarium to attract tourists, and lower store taxes to encourage shopping.

## Police Report

Chief of Police John Foss shared that Officer Josh Clark will return full-time after completing the academy in two weeks. The department responded to 89 calls in March, including medical assists, property damage, hit-and-run accidents, and harassment. Arrests included two Class C Felonies for Child Neglect and one Class B Misdemeanor for Domestic Violence - Bodily Injury.

## Proclamations

Mayor Klier issued official proclamations for:

**Earth Day - April 22**, encouraging citizens to adopt environmentally friendly ideas.

**Arbor Day - May 20**, promoting tree planting for community and environmental benefit.

## Permits Approved

• Flatland Trailblazers Inc. requested a permit to conduct a raffle for a 1991 Arctic Cat Jag 440, and cash prizes. The drawing will be held February 7, 2026 at the Eagles Club in Harvey. According to their application, the money raised will be used for local charity.

• The Harvey Eagles Club submitted an application to continue using their premises as a gaming site for bingo, raffles, a prize board, poker, and pull tab equipment from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

• Krafty's Bar and Grill requested continuance of their gaming permit for bingo and pull tabs on site from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

• Hometown Tavern requested a gaming permit to have a pull tab dispensing device on their premises from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

• Krafty's requested a special event permit to host the Krafty's Car Show, Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Children will be attending, and there will be a separate area for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

• Krafty's requested permission to host a street dance, Friday, June 6, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Alcohol will be served in a beer garden.

## Other Business

• The veterans of Harvey are raising funds to purchase and donate a sound system to the Armory.

• A quote of \$24,599.28 from Bechtold Paving, Inc. was accepted to provide general patching to the streets in Harvey.

• Because of vandalism to the Armory in March, the facility will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., until further notice.

• Assessor Jana Schimelfenig attended the council meeting to explain increases and credits to property tax. The Notice of Increases and Property Tax Credits (RCV) was approved by the council.

• Dustin Kost from Harvey Ambulance submitted plans of an expansion to the ambulance building in order to facilitate added sleeping quarters and a training center.

• Doctor Greg Christensen from Harvey Dental Clinic was in attendance voicing his concerns on the plan for parallel parking on the north side of Ninth Street West, between Lincoln Avenue and Alder Avenue. He said he is worried about the safety of the elderly population and believes it will be harder on them when getting in and out of their vehicles. No action was done to change the new parking arrangement that will be effective May 1, 2025.



## Author visits Fessenden to share her story

Forty-seven came out to meet Barb Solberg, April 8, at The Viking building in Fessenden. Solberg, was in town to share the story of her family, published in her book, *What We Leave Behind*. "An unforgettable family saga that tells the story of strong women whose family ties can never be severed even though they know that some things need to be left behind." The event was sponsored by Fessenden Literary Club.

## Gaming license approved for fire department

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formed organization, Fessenden Hook and Ladder, effective July 1. Games will include a pull-tab dispensing device, electronic pull tabs, sports pools and blackjack.

In an interview after the meeting, Fessenden Fire Chief Aaron Opdahl said, "In order to meet the needs of the people and communities we serve over 299 square miles in our district,

the department has to upgrade equipment and training facilities. The tax levy and fundraisers we hold throughout the year help maintain what we have, but fundraisers aren't enough to make the improvements we need."

Gaming at The Bunker will support Fessenden Hook and Ladder, while gaming at Motorheads will continue to benefit the Fessenden Orioles Booster Club.

## School Menus



Th: Cheese Burger, Fries, Onion Slices, Lettuce, Pickles, Fruit, Bun  
F: Pizza, Green Beans, Lettuce, Fruit, Bread

### Anamoose - Drake

Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL  
T: Crispitos  
W: Subs  
Th: Chili  
F: Corndogs

### Fessenden-Bowdon

Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL  
T: Polish Sausage, Mac & Cheese  
W: Taco in a Bag  
Th: BBQ Sandwich, Chips  
F: Pizza

### Harvey Elementary

Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL  
T: Taco-in-a-Bag, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes, Peppers, Olives, Fruit, Bread  
W: Chicken Strip Wrap, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes, Peppers, Fruit, Bread, Bug Bites

### Harvey High School

Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL  
T: Hot Ham & Cheese, Spudsters, Carrots, Fruit  
W: Chicken Fajita Rice Bowl, Peppers/Onions, Cheese Sauce, Beans, Fruit  
Th: Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast, Fruit  
F: Chicken Patty on a Bun, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Fruit

### Maddock School

Mon., April 21: NO SCHOOL  
T: Hotdogs, Chips, Grapes  
W: Orange Chicken, Rice, Mandarin Oranges  
Th: Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Applesauce  
F: French Bread Pizza, Breadsticks, Pears

## Senior Menu

### Wells-Sheridan Aging Council

118 8th St. East in Harvey  
Mon. April 21: Pork Chop, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetable, Apple Pie with Topping, Bread  
T: Chicken Wild Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Bread  
W: Beef Stroganoff Over Noodles, Corn, Fresh Carrots, Ranch Dressing, Diced Peaches, Bread  
Th: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dressing, Peas, Diced Pears  
F: Beef Taco Salad, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Black Olives, Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Mandarin Oranges

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Cecilia Church in Harvey. For more information call 701-399-9879 or 701-202-4112



## From the Senate

April 16, 2025

## 10 days with 44 bills yet to be heard

It's day 63. The plan is to finish in two weeks or 10 legislative days from today. There is still lots of work to be done. Both the Senate and the House still have 44 bills yet to be heard. There are also 47 Conference Committees that have been appointed to resolve the differences from what each chamber changed in a particular bill. Sometimes one meeting gets it done, other bills require numerous meetings.

As Appropriations continue to find some budget solutions, they have gone a bit backwards and we are currently \$232 million under water. It seems that there are some here who still believe that there is an infinite amount of money. There will be some difficult decisions coming soon to get us to a

balanced budget. As I have previously said the Property Tax issue is still in discussion. There has been discussion as to how many actual residents would be included and how much money should be set aside. We are still looking at \$400-500 million in relief. Once again, I am not sure where we will land.

I have visited with the Governor about the fire incident last week in Sheridan County that injured two firefighters; Casey Quale from Wing who was treated and released and Jaiden Bauer of McCluskey who continues to be treated at the Burn Center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these brave firefighters and their families.

Until next time.

Jerry Klein



## North Dakotans encouraged to recognize the importance of supporting families

In recognition of national Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, North Dakota Health and Human Services (HHS) and Families Flourish ND (formerly known as Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota) are joining parent and family resource centers, local child welfare service providers and other partner agencies in highlighting the importance of working together in communities to serve and support children and families so that child abuse and neglect can be prevented.

In calendar year 2024, there were 467 confirmed cases of child abuse and/or neglect in North Dakota. Though any number of child abuse/neglect cases is still too many, this number is down from 580 confirmed cases in 2023, demonstrating positive change.

"This year's theme, 'Powered by Hope, Strengthened by Prevention,' recognizes that when families have the right support, they can build a brighter future for their children," said Cory Pedersen, HHS Children and Family Services director. "Our team is dedicated to helping families find the resources and help they need to ensure children can remain safely in their home. Throughout recent years, we have

achieved several milestones in improving the safety, permanency and well-being of the children and families served by HHS and our partners."

Throughout April, several agencies across North Dakota will be hosting in-person and virtual events in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Visit Families Flourish ND for more information about upcoming events.

April is also a time to remind people that North Dakota has a law that allows parents to turn to approved Baby Safe Haven sites if they are unable to safely care for their baby. Parents can safely surrender a baby up to one year of age without fear of prosecution or questions. Babies must be unharmed and given to an on-duty staff member at a hospital or other approved location.

Reporting suspected child abuse or neglect HHS reminds individuals that if they suspect a child in North Dakota is being abused or neglected, they should call the statewide toll-free Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Line at 1-833-958-3500. If it's an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

## Community Calendar

To add your non-commercial event, call (701) 324-4646 or email [heraldpress@midconetwork.com](mailto:heraldpress@midconetwork.com)

**Thursday, April 24:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Cecilia Church in Harvey. Use the glass doors at the back of the church. For more information call 701-399-9878 or 701-202-4112.

**Monday, May 5:** Fessenden City Council, 7 p.m. at City Hall

**Tuesday, May 6:** Wells County Commissioners Meeting, 8:30 a.m. at Wells County KTL Building in Fessenden

Regular meeting schedules may change. Please check with meeting facilitator to confirm date and time.

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**April 20:**  
Janet Wagner  
Corey Lauth  
Mavis Edinger  
Brent Muscha  
Lisa Arneson  
Kyle Seibel  
Jessica Tipton  
Delila Hirsch  
Santana Schneider  
Tamra Kost  
Candace Roth  
Bob Irmen  
Cliff Gedrose  
Gene Rafferty  
Mariann Olheiser  
Cynthia Ehni

**April 21:**  
Kathy Wohl  
Jennifer Heilman  
Elaine Reimch  
Michael Rost  
Jennifer Ammon

**April 22:**  
Marcia Fiesel  
Terri Lange  
Jeff Laber  
Jessica Schander  
Carrisa Haluska  
Lester Ockert  
Kelsey Smith  
Lee Hawks Jr.  
Brody Hanson

**April 23:**  
Curt Frey  
Jill Jorgens  
Shannon Fronk  
Barbara Keller  
Janice Pellett  
Rebecca Ann Rost  
Tyler Wobbema  
Gary Laber  
Rachel Streifel  
Stan Schauer

**April 24:**  
Buffy Edinger  
Carol McKinven  
Floyd (Lefty) Erickson  
Bruce Wahl  
Jenna Kourajian  
Douglas Heitmann  
Monte Knudtson  
Glenda White  
Kelly Rae Wild  
Donald Thompson  
Denyce Harding

**April 25:**  
Donny Wagner  
Brandon Muscha  
Amanda M. Olson  
Nick Lemer  
Katina Axtman  
Michael Miller  
Ashley Prom  
Rachael Schmid  
Nicole Mindt  
Terry Lureen  
John Wolfe

**April 26:**  
Jill Jones  
Andrew Zeien  
LaDawn Hauser  
John Fallon  
Dan Krosbakken  
Melissa Neuharth  
Cody Haux  
Daryl Hulem  
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